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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013 MINUTES

Present: Chairman Frank Hegarty, Board Members Steve Rose and Bob Brady.

Mike McCue, Town Administrator

Chairman Hegarty opened the meeting with all members present at 7:30 p.m.

Selectman Rose led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: To approve the minutes of Thursday, January 17, 2012 (Regular Session) as submitted. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes

Motion: To approve the minutes of Thursday, January 17, 2012 (Executive Session) as submitted. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes

Motion: To approve the minutes of Monday, December 17, 2012 (Work Shop) as submitted. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes

The Board was joined by Water Commissioners Peter Marinelli, Chairman, Charles Linfield and Charles Comeau, Jr.

Water Commissioners

Water Commission Chairman Peter Marinelli reported that the Commission was working on a contract and offer for its selection for Water Superintendent. The interview process was complete.

Both Boards discussed the upcoming Special Town Meeting article to fund required DEP remedial actions.

February 8, 2013 Closure

Chairman Hegarty announced that, due to the impending blizzard and in order to comply with the Governor's mandate that all vehicles be off the street by 12:00 noon, Town Hall would be closed February 8, 2013. He also announced the postponement of the bulk pick up day to February 23, 2013. He further reminded residents of the winter parking ban and the fact it will be strictly enforced. Any emergency updates will be broadcast over the Local Cable Access channel.

Annual Report Printing Bid Opening

Clerk Brady read the public notice soliciting proposals for printing the 2012 Annual Town Report.

The following proposals were publicly read:

King Printing - 600 copies at \$1,593.77, 700 copies at \$1,739.34
 TecDocDigital - 600 copies at \$2,292, 700 copies at \$2,667
 PrintWorks - 600 copies at \$4,296, 700 copies at \$4,697
 Country Press - 600 copies at \$2,051.44, 700 copies at \$2,333.90
 Flagship - 600 copies at \$1,972, 700 copies at \$2,222
 MassCor - 600 copies at \$2,080.90, 700 copies at \$2,037.27

Motion: To take the bids under advisement for future action. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes.

Building Committee and Town Moderator

Building Committee members Tracy Self and Elaine Dombrowski were in attendance. Town Moderator Frank Staffier was not, but had spoken with the Board prior to the start of the meeting and presumably believed was not required to be present.

Chairman Hegarty reported that Mr. Flanagan was willing to join the Building Committee and that Town Moderator Staffier has been so advised. There would be further efforts to recruit more members.

Donation to Avon Council on Aging

Motion: To accept a \$50.00 donation to Avon Council on Aging from the Fellowship Club. (Brady/Rose). 3:0 motion passes.

Donation to Avon Public Library

Motion: To accept a \$50.00 donation to Avon Public Library from the Fellowship Club. (Brady/Rose). 3:0 motion passes.

Reserve Fund Transfer

The Board was asked by Mr. McCue to consider the following Reserve transfer:

\$2,035.00 to Town Hall Expenses to fund repairs to the covered bridge between Town Hall and the Public Library.

Motion: To approve the transfer as presented by Mr. McCue (Rose/Brady), 3:0 motion passes.

Harrison Boulevard MassDOT Street Cut letter

Chairman Hegarty read a proposed letter to MassDOT in support of a road opening for National Grid's proposed substation.

Selectman Rose asked if MassDOT will entertain such a letter and request. Chairman Hegarty stated that National Grid had already had discussion in this regard and that the letter would be appropriate. Mr. McCue noted a similar positive outcome in a project in which he was involved in another community.

Chairman Hegarty expressed his concerns, but believed that the benefits outweigh the negatives in this issue. Mr. McCue reported that a meeting between National Grid representatives and Police Chief Phillips, Fire Chief Spurr and he had taken place and any concerns of the two chiefs had been allayed. They both support the proposed letter.

Motion: To approve and forward the letter of support. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes.

Declaration of Surplus

Motion: To declare Avon School Department MicroSoft 3 textbooks as surplus and to allow for disposition. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes.

Snow and Ice deficit spending

Motion: To allow for deficit spending by the Highway Department for Snow and Ice removal. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes.

MGL Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2013

The Chairman asked if the Board wished to combine Annual Town Election with April 30, 2013 State Primary election to achieve cost savings.

Motion: To adopt MGL Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2013 to allow for combination of Annual Town Election with April 30, 2013 State Primary election. (Rose-Brady). Passes 3-0.

FY14 Revenue Projections

Chairman Hegarty briefly reviewed FY14 revenue projections with the Board. The Chair cautioned that figures could change due to action on Beacon Hill during State budget process. Selectman Rose echoes that sentiment.

February 11, 2013 Special Town Meeting

The Board reviewed the eleven articles on the February 11, 2013 Special Town Meeting warrant. The Chairman read each and gave explanations.

Payment of outstanding invoices

Motion: To approve all vouchers for the payment of bills. (Rose/Brady). 3:0 motion passes.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue informed the Board of a rash of disturbances at the Avon Public Library believed to be caused by Avon students in the immediate after school hours. He met with the Library Trustees, Library Director and the School Superintendent Principal of the Middle/High School to discuss the issue. He is speaking with Special Town Counsel to create a comprehensive policy to address the issue.

Mr. McCue asked that the Board authorize him to sign a contract with Blue Hills Regional High School to repair the covered bridge between Town Hall and the Public Library. The Board agreed.

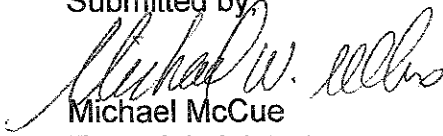
Mr. McCue announced that Paolini Corporation, the general contractor for the Pond Street road project, announced bankruptcy. He noted that the vast majority of work has been completed and he and Tibbetts Engineering would speak with counsel and more to protect the Town's interests.

Chairman Hegarty reported to the Board that he asked Mr. McCue to reach out to Senator Joyce and Representative Galvin to request their attendance at the March 7,

2013 meeting to discuss the proposed Transfer Station in Holbrook. The Chairman expressed his vehement opposition to this project.

Motion: (at 8:45 p.m.) To convene in executive session to discuss strategy in relation to collective bargaining, and to reconvene in open session for the sole purpose of adjournment. (Rose/Brady). Roll call vote: Chairman Hegarty – Aye, Selectman Rose – Aye, Selectman Brady – Aye 3:0. Motion passes.

Submitted by



Michael McCue
Town Administrator